

4 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SNIE 95-59: Short-Term Prospects for Ecuador

BACKGROUND

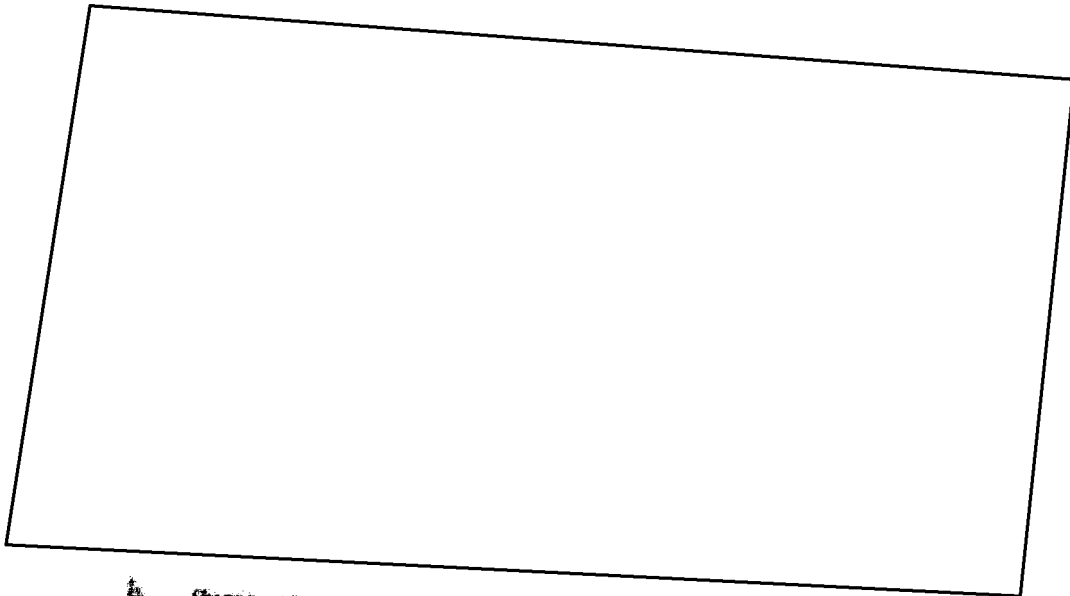
1. SNIE 95-59 was scheduled by the USIB on 7 July (USIB-D-14.1/4) for production in October, but was subsequently rescheduled for a December target (USIB R-52, 11 August, Item 3). The estimate was requested by Army, which was concerned about Communist capabilities for disrupting the 11th Inter-American Conference at Quito and about the Ecuadorian government's stability and its capability for maintaining internal security during the conference. SNIE 95-59 is the first estimate on Ecuador.

SUMMARY

2. The present text is fully agreed upon at the representatives level. No substantial issue is likely to be raised at the USIB meeting.

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4. Current traffic indicates some growing, but not yet widespread, sentiment in the Latin American community for postponement of the Conference (mainly in Peru). Also, at the moment, it is highly uncertain whether a meeting of American presidents, tentatively scheduled to follow the 11th Inter-American Conference in Ecuador near Quito, will be held.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL DEFENSE:

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